



February 16, 2001

SENATE BILL No. 436

DIGEST OF SB 436 (Updated February 13, 2001 12:18 PM - DI 71)

Citations Affected: IC 16-37; IC 36-2.

Synopsis: Funding for autopsy costs. Provides that the cost of an autopsy performed on an individual who is a resident of Indiana but not a resident of a county: (1) in which at least one air ambulance provider is located; (2) in which the individual died; and (3) in which the autopsy was performed under the authority of the coroner in the discharge of the coroner's duties, shall be reimbursed to the coroner from the state general fund.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

Wyss, Breaux

January 18, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.
February 15, 2001, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-37-3-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 8. **(a) Except as**
3 **provided in subsection (b),** payment for autopsies required by the
4 local health officer shall be made from funds appropriated to the local
5 health department.

6 **(b) Except as provided in IC 4-24-4-1, if:**

7 **(1) an individual who is a resident of Indiana dies in an**
8 **Indiana county:**

9 **(A) in which at least one (1) air ambulance provider is**
10 **located; and**

11 **(B) of which the individual is not a resident; and**

12 **(2) an autopsy is performed on the individual:**

13 **(A) in the county in which the individual died; and**

14 **(B) under the authority of the county coroner in the**
15 **discharge of the coroner's duties;**

16 **the state shall reimburse the county coroner for the cost of the**
17 **autopsy from the state general fund. A person who performs an**



1 autopsy on an individual to whom this subsection applies may not
 2 charge the county coroner an amount greater than the amount
 3 specified in a contract between the county coroner and the person
 4 for performing an autopsy on an individual to whom this
 5 subsection does not apply.

6 SECTION 2. IC 36-2-14-20 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 7 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 8 1, 2001]: Sec. 20. Except as provided in IC 4-24-4-1, if:

9 (1) an individual who is a resident of Indiana dies in an
 10 Indiana county:

11 (A) in which at least one (1) air ambulance provider is
 12 located; and

13 (B) of which the individual is not a resident; and

14 (2) an autopsy is performed on the individual:

15 (A) in the county in which the individual died; and

16 (B) under the authority of the county coroner in the
 17 discharge of the coroner's duties;

18 the state shall reimburse the county coroner for the cost of the
 19 autopsy, including the physician fee under section 6(d) of this
 20 chapter, from the state general fund. A person who performs an
 21 autopsy on an individual to whom this section applies may not
 22 charge the county coroner an amount greater than the amount
 23 specified in a contract between the county coroner and the person
 24 for performing an autopsy on an individual to whom this section
 25 does not apply.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Public Policy, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 436, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 16, delete "pay" and insert **"reimburse the county coroner for"**.

Page 1, line 17, after "." insert **"A person who performs an autopsy on an individual to whom this subsection applies may not charge the county coroner an amount greater than the amount specified in a contract between the county coroner and the person for performing an autopsy on an individual to whom this subsection does not apply."**

Page 2, line 13, delete "pay" and insert **"reimburse the county coroner for"**.

Page 2, line 14, after "." insert **"A person who performs an autopsy on an individual to whom this section applies may not charge the county coroner an amount greater than the amount specified in a contract between the county coroner and the person for performing an autopsy on an individual to whom this section does not apply."**

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 436 as introduced.)

WYSS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 2.

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